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For DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLES WITH  
IMPROVED ADHESIVE FOR ATTACHMENT TO THE  
SKIN TO FACILITATE WATER ADHESION  
STABILITY WITH LOW PAIN LEVEL REMOVAL

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 25, 2002**

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Dear Sir:

This response is timely filed pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.8 and M.P.E.P. §512.

**AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A<sup>1</sup>  
--According to the present invention the polymer component of the adhesive can be physically or chemically cross-linked in order to form the 3 dimensional matrix. Physical cross linking refers to polymers having cross links which are not chemical covalent bonds but are of a physical nature such that there are areas in the 3 dimensional matrix having high crystallinity or areas having a high glass transition temperature. Chemical cross-linking refers to polymers which are linked by chemical bonds. Preferably the polymer is chemically cross-linked by radiation techniques such as thermal-, E beam-, UV-, gamma or micro-wave radiation. Preferably, the polymer comprises less than 10% hydrocolloid particles by weight of the adhesive, and more preferably the polymer comprises less than 5% hydrocolloid particles by weight of the adhesive.--

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